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Governor Baker Nominates Michael P. Welsh to the District Court

BOSTON – Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Michael P. Welsh to the position of Associate Justice of the Palmer District Court. As a lifelong resident of Massachusetts, Attorney Welsh has had a distinguished career at the bar of more than 25 years.

“Having represented clients in criminal, civil, employment and real estate matters, Attorney Welsh will bring experience and knowledge of the law to the District Court bench,” **said Governor Baker**. “I am pleased to submit his name for the Governor’s Council’s advice and consent.”

“Attorney Welsh’s 25 years of broad legal experience, guided by his dedication, qualify him well for the District Court,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “If appointed, I believe he will serve the Massachusetts judiciary with distinction.”

The District Court hears a wide range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health, and other types of cases. District Court criminal jurisdiction extends to all felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, and many other specific felonies with greater potential penalties; all misdemeanors; and all violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws. The District Court is located in 62 courts across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the District Court, visit their [homepage](#).

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor's Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February, 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April, 2015.

About Michael P. Welsh

Attorney Welsh is currently the head of litigation at the Law Office of Howard M. Kahalas in Boston, where he has practiced since 2007. He primarily handles criminal, civil, real estate and probate matters. Prior to his current role, Attorney Welsh represented clients in civil, criminal and workers' compensation cases at Rubin, Rubin & Wilcox in Worcester. While with the Law Office of Donna Gully-Brown, he served as in-house counsel to Travelers Insurance Company. From 1989 until 1999, he worked in his own general practice firm in North Grafton, where he represented clients in the areas of workers' compensation, criminal defense and personal injury. Before becoming an attorney, Welsh worked in general accounting for local businesses in Westborough. He regularly commits himself to giving back to the community through more than 30 hours of pro-bono legal work each year. Attorney Welsh earned his Juris Doctorate from the Western New England School of Law after earning a Bachelor of Arts in accounting from Assumption College in Worcester. He currently resides in Sutton, MA with his family.

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